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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Fritz Alphonse

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 25 November 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 25 November 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 1-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Westby (U.S. Pat. No. 5,802,080) in view of Sambamurthy (U.S. Pat. No. 6,393,489).

As to claim 7, Westby (figs. 2-3) discloses a CRC verification apparatus, comprising: an input control unit (54) which stores the start address of an input data frame in a memory storing the input data frame (50), and stores a CRC verification result in the start address location (col. 3, lines 11-29; col. 4, lines 39-66).

Westby differs from claim 7 in that he does not explicitly disclose an output control unit which with a predetermined offset from the write address, reads the input data frames and if the CRC verification result is normal, output the read data frame.

However, these limitations are obvious and well known in the art, as evidenced by Sambamurthy (col. 27, lines 30-41). Therefore, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to improve upon the media access controller, as disclosed by Sambamurthy. Doing so would allow users to manage the flow of packet data being transmitted and received through a network and accurately perform sophisticated diagnostic testing.

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As to claims 1 and 4, Westby (Figs. 2, 3) shows a cyclic redundancy check (CRC) verification apparatus comprising: a data buffer (20) which stores an input data frame (50); a control information buffer (52) which stores control information on the data frame; a CRC generation unit (30) which performs CRC verification of the data frame; an input control unit (54) which receives an input control signal, generates a CRC enable signal, sends the CRC enable signal to the CRC generation unit (30), generates information on a write address which increases sequentially irrespective of the input of the data frame, sends the write address information to the data buffer and the control information buffer (fig. 3; col. 4, lines 25-58; col. 5, lines 18-48).

As to claims 2-3, 5-6 and 8, Westby (Figs. 2, 3) discloses an apparatus, wherein the control information includes information on the start of the data frame, end information, buffer enable information and CRC verification result information (col. 4, lines 59-67).

Conclusion

3. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. See PTO-892

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4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Fritz Alphonse, whose telephone number is (571) 272-3813. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F, 8:30-6:00, Alt. Mondays off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Albert De Cady, can be reached at (571) 272-3819.


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